



# Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisors Room, Alma NE

Tuesday, October 21st, 2014

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday October 21st 2014 at 10:00 am with JD Schluntz, Max Schultz, Lonny Hanna, Rodney Metzger, Doug Horwart, Traci Dietz, and Gary Dunse present. Also in attendance were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, County Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson, Suzanne Lans from Harlan County Hospital and Cathy House from the Harlan County Journal. Chairman Horwart called the meeting to order and stated that there is a copy of the open meetings act posted in the room and will be followed by the Board. County Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceedings, while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Minutes from the October 7th, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Chairman Horwart called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna to accept minutes as written. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Clerk presented claims to the Board. After Board review, motion made by Hanna 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Schultz to pay claims. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Sue Lans, Comptroller with Harlan County Hospital brought to the Board current monthly financials, and cash liability recap for review. Discussion was held on Hospital inpatient counts, clinic visits, cost reports and roof repairs.

County Road Superintendent brought to the Board (2) Right of Way agreements for approval. ROW 2014-#4 and 2014-#5 were presented. (these are kept on file in the Road Department) After Board review, motion made by M. Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dunse to approve both ROW agreements. Roll call votes, Hanna-yes, Metzger-yes, Dietz-yes, Dunse-yes, JD. Schluntz-abstain, (one of these permits is his), M. Schultz-yes, and Horwart-yes. Motion carried. Tim brought to the Board his annual NDOR- SSAR end of year report for approval. Short discussion was held, followed by a motion by Dunse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business brought to the Board; County Road Superintendent brought to the Board (2) Resolutions 2014-#22 and 2014-#23. Both resolutions will set a public hearing for November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am to discuss whether 724 road for a ½ mile west and whether 707 road for ½ mile west should be closed. (a complete copy of the resolutions are kept in the Clerk's office) Motion was made by Dietz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dunse to approve resolution #22 and #23 for public hearing. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Several Veterans' Committee members (Harlan, Furnas, and Phelps counties) joined the meeting to discuss future needs for the Veteran's. Aaron Guthrie from Alma spoke to the Board. Concern is what Franklin and



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Furnas counties will have for Veteran's Service Officer. Discussion was held on combining the (3) counties of Harlan, Franklin, and Furnas with Harlan County being the "hub". Harlan County currently has a valid inter-local with Phelps County and wishes to remain with that inter-local. Current VSO officer for Harlan and Phelps counties is Art Johnsen and this Board is pleased with the services at this time. Discussion was held on having "sub committee's from the various counties meet and try to come up with a solution for all. County Board thanked them for coming in.

Old Business; meeting moved to accepting the Motor Grader Bids. Caterpillar and Murphy reps were in attendance. Road Superintendent and the Road Committee had met and reviewed the specs and the bids. Chairman Horwart called for any discussion or questions. Road Superintendent would like to accept the bid #2, the Caterpillar 12-M3. Discussion was held on weight, horsepower, etc. Motion was then made by JD. Schluntz, to buy the M3 for \$234,860.00 with the trade allowance of \$40,725.00, for a cost of \$194,135.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dietz. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Attorney and County Sheriff joined the meeting. County Attorney requested to move into Executive session to discuss personnel, and for the protection of the public interest. Motion made by M. Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna to move into executive session at 11:06 am. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. At 11:20 am. Board returned to regular session with a motion made by JD Schluntz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Motion was made by Hanna 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dietz to enter into Board of Equalization. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. County Treasurer brought to the Board application/exemption for the Colonial Villa in Alma. Vehicles are 1994 Chevy pick-up and a 2012 Dodge van used for transportation. Chairman Horwart called for any discussion. Motion made by Hanna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Metzger to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Motion made by Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dietz to return to regular session. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

Clerk presented the Board with Contryman Associates, P.C. audit engagement letter. This will be for the 2015 (\$12,000)-2016(\$12,200) and 2017 (\$12,400) years. JD Schluntz would like to take bids or have the State of Nebraska do the audit. Clerk stated that there is a good working relationship and Contryman staff is very helpful. JD Schluntz made a motion to postpone the contract for (3) months. Motion failed for a lack of a second. Motion was then made by Hanna to accept Contryman Associates 2015, 2016, 2017 audit engagement 2<sup>nd</sup> by Metzger. Roll call votes, JD Schluntz-no, M. Schultz-no, Hanna-yes, Metzger-yes, Dietz-yes, Dunse-no and Horwart-yes. Motion carried.



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Chairman Horwart adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm due to the Election.

Attest:

Janet Dietz, County Clerk

Doug Horwart, Chairman

(Seal)

## **Claims:**

### **General Fund**

Clerk of District Court, fees, \$32.00; Janet Dietz, mileage, Kearney , Nirma conf/training, \$61.60; Hasler, postage, \$500.00; Main Street Media, publishing, \$982.86; Shell Fleet Plus, fuel, \$358.87; Twin Valley Public Power District, utilities,\$116.62.